NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY FOR A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED NC 32 CONNECTOR FROM US 64 TO THE INTERSECTION OF NC 32 AND NC 94

TIP Project No. R-3620

Washington County

The North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) proposes to construct a connector from the interchange of US 64 and SR 1139 (Beasley Road) to the intersection of NC 32 and NC 94 in Washington County. In June 2009, NCDOT held a public hearing and presented two alternatives for public comment. In November 2009, NCDOT and the environmental agencies reviewed the environmental impacts and public comments for both alternatives and concurred on Alternative 1 as the preferred alternative for this project.

The length of the project is about 3.7 miles. The right of way width needed for this project will vary between 160 and 200 feet. Right of way acquisition is scheduled to begin in 2012. Construction is tentatively scheduled to begin in 2014.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the NCDOT is preparing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed project. The FONSI is a federally required environmental document that is a follow-up to the previously published Environmental Assessment (EA).

Anyone desiring that a public hearing be held on the proposed project may make such a request by sending a registered letter to Ms. Kristine O'Connor, P.E., Project Planning Engineer, 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548, phone (919) 733-7844, Ext. 311, or email kaoconnor@ncdot.gov. Please make requests by February 26, 2010. If additional information is desired, contact Ms. O'Connor.